



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

September 26, 2016

Gretchen Pfaehler, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
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RE: Great Weight for HPRB Projects in ANC 2B

Dear Chairwoman Pfaehler:

At its regular meeting on September 14, 2016, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-1):

WHEREAS, under DC Code 1-309.10.3B (Exhibit A), Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) are granted Great Weight before all agencies, boards, and commissions within the affected ANC,

WHEREAS, the mechanism of Great Weight includes that a government entity must:

“articulate its views in writing. The written rationale of the decision shall articulate with particularity and precision the reasons why the Commission does or does not offer persuasive advice under the circumstances. In so doing, the government entity must articulate specific finds and conclusions with respect to each issue and concern raised by the Commission. Further, the government entity is required to support its position on the record”,

WHEREAS, while ANC 2B appreciates the efforts that the Historic Preservation Review Board and Historic Preservation Office staff make to include ANC 2B within their decision making process, these efforts do not constitute the requirement of articulating in writing the specific finds and conclusions with respect to each issue and concern raised by the Commission,

WHEREAS, HPRB has not complied with Great Weight requirements on the following, among other, projects:

- 1520 T Street NW (June 16th, 2016)
- 2000 Florida Street NW (April 29th, 2016)
- 1415 22nd Street NW (November 17th, 2015)
- 1772 Church Street NW (December 10th 2014; March 15th, 2015; April 18th, 2015; July 15th, 2015), and

WHEREAS, for the 1772 Church Street NW project, ANC 2B has received an opinion from the Office of the Attorney General which states Great Weight must be granted for that project (Exhibit B).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that specific written articulation of the findings and conclusions with respect to each issue and concern raised by the Commission be granted for the aforementioned and all future projects within its ANC within the response period prescribed by law.

BE TI FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B offers to work with the Historic Preservation Review Board, Historic Preservation Office staff, and the Office of the Attorney General to determine the best policies and procedures for the documentation of Great Weight to Advisory Neighborhood Commissions as required by law.

Commissioners John Kupcinski (anc2b07@gmail.com) and Nicole Mann (nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



Nicole Mann
Chair

CC: Chairman Phil Mendelson
Councilmember Anita Bonds, At Large
Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, Ward 1
Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2